

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 252

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the military service and exemplary life of William H. Bodafor.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee have, throughout the years, been called upon to take up arms against the enemies of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquish those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, while the heroic deeds of Tennesseans have been extolled throughout the history of our State and nation, the distinguished military service of every proud Tennessean should be illuminated, shared, and properly honored; and

WHEREAS, William H. Bodafor is one such individual worthy of our approbation; now eighty-four years young, he is the very epitome of a great American and a true Tennessee treasure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bodafor served in both the Korean War and the Vietnam War and is a twenty-two-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bodafor was wounded in combat at Chosin Reservoir in 1950 during the Korean War and received the Purple Heart for his sacrifice in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, while serving in the Vietnam War, Mr. Bodafor was wounded again and received a second Purple Heart; he received the Bronze Star in 1967 for courage under fire in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, after proudly serving as a Marine from 1948 to 1970, Mr. Bodaforde retired on April 15, 1970, having attained the rank of First Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his bravery and dedication to preserving the treasured freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor William H. Bodaforde to the full extent of our ability, as he made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor William H. Bodaforde for his twenty-two years of service to America in the United States Marine Corps and commend his courageous service to our nation as one of Tennessee's most heroic citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.